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Document number 39A, serial 157-8428-2029 is a two-page internal memorandum from Mr. Moore to Mr. Sullivan, dated June 5, 1968. Portions of this document were withheld.

Deletions were made in this document pursuant to exemptions (b)(1), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(D). Exemption (b)(1) was asserted to protect information contained in the fifth paragraph on page 2 which is currently and properly classified. (See paragraph 11, supra, and the attached affidavit of SA Donald R. MacDonald.)

Exemption (b)(7)(C) was previously used to protect the identity of James Groppi in the third paragraph of the first page. Inasmuch as he appears to be a leader of the Milwaukee delegation to the Poor People's Campaign, his name is being restored in this document, and exemption (b)(7)(C) is hereby withdrawn in this document.

Exemption (b)(7)(D) was cited for the deletion at the top of the second page to protect information received from a source which could possibly be traced back to that source. Release of his name would reveal his cooperation with the FBI. (See paragraph 14b, supra.)

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Memorandum

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE

SUBJECT: POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Callahan

DATE: June 5, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. D. J. Brennan
1 - Mr. Ausen
1 - Mr. McGuire
1 - Mr. Dunn
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. Glass

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The following is a summary of developments in the Poor People's Campaign. (U)

A Washington, D. C., source has received an unconfirmed report from persons in the Administration Building at Resurrection City that Bayard Rustin, the person named to coordinate the mass demonstration of the Poor People's Campaign on June 19, 1968, in Washington, D. C., reportedly will not lead this demonstration. The source stated that the same report indicated that the mass demonstration may not be held in Washington, D. C., and that campaign officials are considering a demonstration at the United Nations headquarters in New York City in an attempt to embarrass the United States in the eyes of the world. (U)

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From 3:15 P.M. to 5:10 P.M. yesterday a group of about 120 from various ethnic groups in the campaign met with the Attorney General at the United States Department of Justice and discussed demands presented previously by the campaign for action in regard to allegations concerning discrimination in employment and housing, police brutality, "alien strike-breakers," and hunting and fishing rights of Indians. James Groppi, militant Catholic priest from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, said police departments in this country are non-professional and lack uniformity. He stated the entire judicial system in this country is corrupt. Jose Cortez (phonetic) or Ortiz (phonetic), a Puerto Rican from New York City who claimed his brother was beaten to death by police, said "we do not have money, but we have matches," that the only way to eliminate slums is to burn them, and that slaves have nothing to lose by burning the slums. Hosea Williams, a campaign official, and Rudolph Gonzales, a militant Mexican-American from Denver, Colorado, both attacked the FBI, alleging that the Bureau Agents are nothing more than auditors for local police and merely take notes while the police brutalize Negroes. Gonzales requested an executive order for an inquiry into the arrests of 13 Mexican-Americans in Los Angeles, California, in regard to a school walk-out there. After the meeting the group returned to Resurrection City without incident. (U)

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A Philadelphia source learned from another person that [redacted] a militant black nationalist from Philadelphia, was planning to ask that the Philadelphia people in Resurrection City be released to return to Philadelphia because of the poor living conditions at Resurrection City. Another source advised that Groppi contemplates moving his group out of Resurrection City into the basement of a church. (U)

The above Philadelphia source also advised that a person who claims to be an aide to Hosea Williams expressed the opinion that there would be trouble at Resurrection City and that violence could come either inside or outside the camp. This campaign aide also reportedly said a "second phase" of the campaign involves making purchases in stores and restaurants and refusing to pay. (U)

This source said that among the trouble makers at Resurrection City were three groups known as the Rangers, the Invaders, and the Rat Patrol. The Rangers reportedly are bodyguards for Ralph D. Abernathy, campaign leader, and are resented because they push people around on their bodyguard assignments. (U)

A Washington, D. C., source advised that Hosea Williams claims to have the home addresses of several Washington, D. C., policemen and has threatened to burn these homes if his men are beaten. Local police have been advised of this and we are closely investigating this matter. (U)

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The mule train with about 80 people arrived in Bessemer, Alabama, last evening and intends to travel to Birmingham, Alabama, today. (U)

ACTION:

Pertinent portions of the above are being furnished by teletype to the White House, Secretary of State, Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, Army, Air Force, and Secret Service. Copies of the teletype are going to the Vice President; the Attorney General; appropriate Divisions of the Department; Navy; the Secretaries of Commerce, Agriculture, Defense, and Labor; the Departments of Transportation and Interior; United States Information Agency; General Services Administration; National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and the National Security Agency. (U)

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